



Donald Wade Catlin

September 11, 1963 - January 18, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Donald Wade Catlin, lovingly known as Wade, who left us on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the age of 61. Wade was born on September 11, 1963, in Salisbury, MD, and raised in the close-knit community of Mardela Springs, where he lived his life.

Wade graduated from Mardela High School with the class of 1981 and embarked on a career dedicated to helping others. His heart truly belonged to public service. For 20 years, he served as a paramedic with the City of Salisbury and was a proud lifetime member of the Mardela Springs Volunteer Fire Company, where he touched many lives with his kindness and bravery. He went on to work for Crop Productions in Seaford and Pocomoke and was currently working as a dedicated professional driver for Culpeper Wood Preservers in Federalsburg. In his free time, Wade loved to hunt, particularly for ducks and geese, and could often be found putting his woodworking skills to good use, crafting beautiful butcher blocks, cabinets, and hope chests for family and friends. His heart was as big as his talents, and he always found time for loved ones.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Michele “Missy” Catlin, his devoted mother, Joan Catlin, and his cherished sister, Crystal Lynn Catlin White, along with her husband, Mark. Wade adored his nieces and goddaughters – Ashlynn Marie Deutsch and her husband, Hunter, and their son Wyatt, Ally Albert and

her husband, Nick, and their daughter, Nora, and Kate Melvin. Wade was also blessed with a close-knit family, including a special uncle who was like a second father to him, Bill Catlin and his wife Nancy. He will be missed by many aunts and uncles, including Esther and Joseph Dwyer, Maria Vandiver, John Wright, Jr., Eleanor and Edward Schells, David Burton and Linda Wright Campbell, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins, his niece, Nicki Howard and her husband Donovan and sister-in-law Beverly Rhodes.

Wade was preceded in death by his father, Wallace Glenn Catlin; aunt, Joyce Burton, uncle, Marvin Wright, and grandparents, Mary Louise Catlin Scott, Wilmer Catlin, John H. Wright, Sr. and Edith R. Wright.

A celebration of life will take place on Monday, January 27, 2025, at the Mardela Springs Volunteer Fire Department, starting at 11:00 AM. Prior to the service, family and friends are invited for a visitation at the same location beginning at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Mardela Springs Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 299, Mardela Springs, MD 21837 or to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mardela Springs Fire Department
Mardela Springs, MD

Celebration of Life

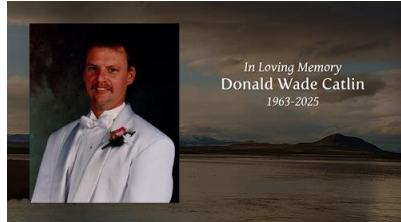
JAN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mardela Springs Fire Department
Mardela Springs, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Wade Catlin*



Short Funeral Home - January 27, 2025 at 08:08 AM

MC

Prayers for comfort and strength being sent to the Catlin Family. Love Melodie Carter

MELODIE EVANS CARTER - January 27, 2025 at 12:06 PM

JG

“ *Jaime E Gambrill lit a candle in memory of Donald Catlin*



Jaime E Gambrill - January 26, 2025 at 12:33 PM

MS

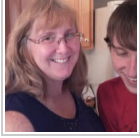
“ *Sending my condolences to Wades family, work family and Fire Dept family he was truly a one of a kind man and is already greatly missed. I certainly miss our 3 am conversations out on the road. Till we meet again we will take it from here.*

Mr Bill Seymour - January 25, 2025 at 05:50 AM

PG

“ *Joan I am so sorry you and your family will be in my prayers 🙏*

Patty Gaylor - January 24, 2025 at 07:41 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. John and I are thinking of you and your family. Karen Penuel*

Karen Penuel - January 23, 2025 at 01:26 PM

DR

“ *Sorry for your loss Wade was a great man loved being around him seeing him in the stores when I was working in them stop to talk about family and things take care God bless*

David rayfield - January 22, 2025 at 03:18 PM

JL

“ *We have lost a member of our family here at Culpeper. He will truly be missed by all that knew him.*



Jennifer Loveless - January 22, 2025 at 02:31 PM

JL

“ *Missy, I am so sorry for your loss you and your family are in my prayers*
Jim Laverty

Jim Laverty - January 22, 2025 at 02:16 PM

WG

“ To: Joan, Crystal, Missy and family. I am so sorry to learn of Wade's passing. I feel like our families have been a part of each others lives since the 1970"s through great times and sad times. My love and prayers to all. William M. Glime

William M Glime - January 22, 2025 at 11:56 AM

RL

“ Wade was someone I looked up to from the time I was aware of him until I moved away. He was a positive influence on so many, just by being himself. My heartfelt condolences to Ms. Joan, Missy, and the rest of the family.

Ricky Larmore - January 22, 2025 at 09:25 AM

GS

“ Missy I am so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. I lost my husband 2 years ago so I know what you're going through. Thoughts and prayers to all the family.
Gail Sullivan- Revel

Gail Sullivan-Revel - January 22, 2025 at 04:19 AM

SC

“ Missy, I am so sorry for your loss. May God shelter you during this sad loss. Shirley Church

Shirley J Church - January 21, 2025 at 07:47 PM

WE

“ To a true friend and brother of the fire service. We all had a lot of good times growing up and throughout our lives. Some good and some bad, but we were always there for one another. You're a true Eastern Shoreman from day one. Love you and will miss you!!

Wayne English - January 21, 2025 at 07:32 PM